

V. REMARKS

Claims 7,8, 11-13, 16, 17 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the invention. With exceptions, the claims are amended to obviate the rejection. The Office Action inquires where in the embodiment the passivation film of claim 12 and the circuit element of claim 20 are shown. It is respectfully submitted that the insulation layer of claim 12 corresponds to reference numeral 38 of Fig. 10 and the passivation film is layer 17 located below it and the circuit element of claim 20 is shown by reference numeral 31 of Fig. 16. Applicant believes that all of the issues raised in this rejection have been adequately addressed to overcome the rejection. As a result, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-4 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by Toshio (JP 03-276750). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 1 and 2 include the features of claims 6 and 5 respectively. As a result, claims 1 and 2 are allowable over the applied art.

With respect to claim 3, the joining portion is formed easily detachable because it is formed in such a manner that the easily removable nonalloying second metal layer or the third metal layer can be left without alloying or even if the metal is alloyed, the ratio of the second metal is kept greater than the first metal. In the applied reference, nothing is disclosed or suggested about this kind of means that enables easy removal of the joining portion. As a result, it is respectfully submitted that claim 3 is allowable over the applied art because the applied art fails to teach each element of claim 3.

With respect to claim 10, claim 10 recites connections between electrode terminal and wiring or wiring and wiring. The applied art describes connections between electrode terminals only and has a different configuration. Further, the connections between electrode terminals are also included. As a result, it is respectfully submitted that claim 10 is allowable over the applied art because the applied art fails to teach each element of claim 10.

Claim 4 depends from claims 1, 2 and 3 and includes all of the features of these claims. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that claim 4 is allowable at least for

the reasons the independent claims are allowable as well as for the features it recites.

Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration of the application and allowance of the pending claims are respectfully requested. Should the Examiner believe anything further is desirable in order to place the application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' representative at the telephone number listed below.

Should additional fees be necessary in connection with the filing of this paper or if a Petition for Extension of Time is required for timely acceptance of the same, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 18-0013 for any such fees and Applicant(s) hereby petition for such extension of time.

Respectfully submitted,

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